




MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2003

TO: The Honorable Mayor & Council
Downtown and Rio Nuevo Subcommittee
Members

FROM: 
James Keene
City Manager

SUBJECT: Greyhound Acquisition and Relocation

Background:

In 1999, after a lengthy public participation process, the master plan for the Intermodal Center was approved by the Mayor and Council. The master plan was then also approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

FTA funds have been flowing into the project ever since, funding the design and restoration of the depot complex, the removal of offices from the City Hall Annex (110 E. Pennington), and other infrastructure related improvements. Soon FTA funds will be used to demolish the City Hall Annex to make room for a new 570 space parking garage, which will include a first floor commercial element.

A part of the Intermodal Center master plan is a new location for Greyhound bus terminal. Greyhound, currently located at 2 South 4th Avenue, must be relocated to accommodate the new 4th Avenue underpass project. The existing master plan depicts a relocated Greyhound at the northeast corner of 6th Avenue and Toole. Discussions with Greyhound regarding this site's feasibility are underway, and a possible design of this facility will be available for the Subcommittee to review during today's meeting.

Present Consideration:

Since the Intermodal Center master plan was adopted, a number of project changes have been brought forward. As a result, many in downtown are rethinking the approach to developing the Intermodal Center and its environs. At the last meeting of the Subcommittee, staff was directed to investigate alternative relocation sites for the Greyhound terminal. City staff and Greyhound officials are looking at the feasibility of alternative sites. They range from the site shown in the master plan, to other areas in downtown still proximate to the train station, to areas outside the downtown that are adequately served by the Sun Tran bus system.

Greyhound officials are expected to attend today's meeting to address the Subcommittee, and transportation staff will also be available to answer any questions that the Subcommittee might have.

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